HEAD CLERK—AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL, TRICHUR—APPOINTMENT OF

212. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who is the present Head clerk of the Ramavarma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur;

(*b*) when was he first appointed to Government Service; at what pay; to which post, and by whom;

(*c*) whether it was a newly-created post to which he was first appointed;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House—

(*i*) the Government Proceedings sanctioning the creation of the new post to which he was appointed, and

(*ii*) the service order passed by the officer who was in charge of the Ayurveda Department at that time appointing the person referred to in (*a*) to that newly-created post?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Mr. M. M. Krishna Menon. He was first appointed to Government Service on 20th Chingam 1112 as clerk in the grade of Rs. 25—40 in the R.V.C.A. Hospital, by the Diwan Peishkar who was then the controlling officer of the institution.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes.

(*i*) A copy of the Proceedings is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

(*ii*) Copy is appended. *(Vide Appendix II).*

TOWN COUNCILS—SUSPENSION OF

213. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has passed any orders keeping the Cochin Town Councils Act in abeyance till the end of the war; and if the answer is in the negative;

(*b*) whether the Government proposes to continue the existing Town Councils during the continuance of the war?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer above.

ANTHIKAD KADAVU ROAD—IMPROVEMENTS TO

214. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has received a mass petition from the inhabitants of Anthikad praying for metalling and improving the Anthikad Kadavu Road;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the road referred to in that petition is out of repair;

(*c*) if the answer to question (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state how long has the said road been out of repair; and

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any action to carry out the prayer contained in the aforesaid petition?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) For 4 or 5 years.

(*d*) Yes; action is being taken to repair a portion of the road this year.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

215. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the time taken by the audit staff to examine and report on the alleged defalcation in the Agricultural Department, of which reference was made in question No. 1 of the Budget Session of Karkadagam 1116;

(*b*) the names of auditors of the Local Audit Staff who did the work referred to above; whether they were not the auditors of the Southern Division Local Audit;

(*c*) whether the Agricultural Head Office is not normally under the Northern Division Local Audit Staff for audit purposes;

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